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ASEAN-FAO WORKSHOP ON STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN FORESTRY

21-23 March 2012
Chiang Mai, Thailand

Concept Note

Background

As part of the second Asia-Pacific Forestry Sector Outlook Study, eight nations in Southeast Asia engaged in consultative processes to draft country papers aimed at forecasting the future of forestry to 2020. Subregional and regional level reports for Southeast Asia and the Asia-Pacific region respectively were also completed. FAO has been requested to provide support in disseminating the findings of the study with a focus on strategic planning, rationalization of forest policies, and re-orientation of policies to meet emerging challenges in forestry.

ASEAN and FAO have jointly organised this workshop for country representatives to discuss major issues and develop policy guidance on the basis of information collected during the outlook study and other recent wide-ranging forestry-related initiatives.

Objectives

The workshop aims to advance strategic planning in Southeast Asian forestry on the basis of studies completed under the Asia-Pacific Forestry Sector Outlook Study, and produce related policy briefs and recommendations.

Organization of the workshop

The workshop will aim to develop policy briefs based on five thematic areas by proceeding through staged discussions and activities on key drivers of change and the regional forestry outlook, priority thematic areas and proposed policy responses, and the appropriateness of current national forest policies in relation to the proposed responses. Participants will be asked to bring copies of their forest policies and any recent policy statements for analysis during the workshop.

Day 1 – The outlook to 2020

The workshop will begin with presentations on strategic planning in forestry and the main findings of the regional and Southeast Asia sub-regional reports of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Sector Outlook Study. Presentations on the outlook for tropical timber and timber legality legislation will also be provided by ITTO and EFI FLEGT Asia respectively.

A discussion of the findings will follow, and the appropriateness of the selected regional drivers of change will be assessed in relation to the situation at the country level(s).

Participants will then be asked to prioritise the three most important drivers of change in forestry in their own countries.

Based on these discussions, the most important drivers of change for the region will be identified. Participants will then work with facilitators to discuss the potential impacts of the drivers of change on key areas in forestry (forest products production, production of environmental services, policies and institutions).

In the final session of the day, participants will be asked to prioritise around five important thematic areas for forestry to 2020.

Day 2 – Policy responses

Forest policies and recent policy statements will be reviewed by individual countries in relation to the five thematic areas developed on day 1 to identify gaps as appropriate. Country groups will be asked to develop appropriate policy responses and will then present their responses in front of the group who, together with facilitators, will assess feasibility of proposals in light of other priorities.

Day 3 – Drafting

Participants will split into five teams and will draft policy briefs in relation to the five thematic areas, taking into account the issues highlighted in the previous day's presentation and assessment of proposals. A prize will be given for the best brief.

Participants will be informed of financing mechanisms to support countries in addressing priority issues, and means of application.

Outputs

Outputs from the meeting will include five thematic policy briefs aimed at promoting sustainable forest management in light of current threats and opportunities.

Partners and participants

The workshop is organized by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat and the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific with support from the European Forest Institute – EU FLEGT Asia Programme, ADB GMS Environmental Operations Center, GIZ, ITTO and the Asia-Pacific Association of Forestry Research Institutions (APAFRI).

Participants will include three representatives from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam. Self financing participants from Brunei and Singapore will also be invited.

The FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific will facilitate the workshop together with resource persons from partner agencies.

Venue and timing

The workshop will be held on 21-23 March 2012 at:

Suriwongse Hotel, Meeting room Narawat 2,
Chiang Mai,

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| 21 MAR - THE OUTLOOK TO 2020 | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 8:00-8:30 | Registration | |
| 8:30-8:45 | Opening remarks | ASEAN, FAO |
| 8:45-9:05 | Strategic planning in forestry and the regional outlook | P. Durst (FAO) |
| 9:05-9:25 | The Southeast Asian forestry outlook | J. Broadhead (FAO) |
| 9:35-9:50 | The outlook for tropical timber | F. Maplesden (ITTO) |
| 9:50-10:05 | Changing markets and in-country requirements due to FLEGT, Lacey Act and public procurement policy | A. Hinrichs (EFI) |
| 10:05-10:30 | Coffee | |
| 10:30-10:45 | Explanation of workshop structure and outputs | J. Broadhead (FAO) |
| 10:30-11:00 | Drivers of change at the national level | Facilitator |
| 11:00-11:30 | Selection of key regional drivers of change | |
| 11:30-11:45 | Description of working groups session | Facilitator |
| 11:45-13:00 | Working Group 1 – Impacts of drivers of change on production forests and forest products production | Facilitator |
| | Working Group 2 – Impacts of drivers of change on protection forests and environmental services | Facilitator |
| | Working Group 3 – Impacts of drivers of change on policies and institutions | Facilitator |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch | |
| 14:00-14:30 | Continuation of pre-lunch session | |
| 14:30-15:00 | Working group presentations | Working groups |
| 15:00-15:30 | Coffee | |
| 15:30-16:30 | Identification of five regional thematic priorities | Facilitator |
| 16:30-16:45 | Explanation of day 2 activities and distribution of forest policies for evening reading | Facilitator |
| 18:30 | Pick-up at hotel lobby for reception dinner | |

| 22 MAR – POLICY RESPONSES | | |
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| 8:30-8:45 | Welcome and reiteration of tasks | Facilitator |
| 8:45-10:30 | Country groups review forest policies in relation to thematic priorities, identify gaps and develop policy proposals. | Country groups |
| 10:00-10:30 | Coffee | |
| 10:30-13:00 | Continuation of pre-coffee session | Country groups |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch | |
| 14:00-15:00 | Country groups present proposals at a policy hearing | Country groups |
| 15:00-15:30 | Coffee | |
| 15:30-16:30 | Continuation of pre-coffee session | Country groups |
| 16:30-16:45 | Explanation of day 3 activities | Facilitator |

| 23 MAR – DRAFTING AND ACCESSING SUPPORT | | |
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| 8:30-8:45 | Welcome and reiteration of tasks | Facilitator |
| 8:45-9:15 | Policy briefs – why, what and for whom? | Facilitator |
| 9:15-10:15 | Thematic groups begin drafting 2 page policy briefs | Group |
| 10:15-10:45 | Coffee | |
| 10:45-11:45 | Thematic groups complete drafting policy briefs | Group |
| 11:45-13:00 | Policy briefs are distributed in hard copy and presented by authors. Votes for each are counted and a prize awarded for the best. | Group |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch | |
| 14:00-14:30 | Presentation on available funding for policy development work, contacts and how to apply. | P. Durst (FAO) |
| 14:50 | Workshop closing remarks | |